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The 2013 Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority Homeless Count reports 8,713 youth under the age of 24 are homeless in Los Angeles County. Additionally, it is estimated that 200,000 youth under the age of 18 and thousands more ages 18 to 24 experience homelessness each year across California.

Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) youth comprise a disproportionate 30-40 percent of the homeless youth population. This is a group often expelled from their homes by their families, frequently abused at home, discharged from foster care or other custodial programs without adequate transition plans, separated from their parents by death and divorce, unable to financially provide for themselves, and unable to access adequate medical or mental health resources.

Providing safe, stable and permanent housing for runaway and homeless youth must become a greater local and national priority. The well-being of our community depends on the value we place on our youth and our commitment to provide these vulnerable young people with opportunities to acquire the knowledge, skills and abilities they need to find and maintain stable housing as well as to develop into healthy and productive adults.

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The Los Angeles Coalition to End Youth Homelessness is a county-wide body actively supporting efforts to minimize youth homelessness, and joins the California Coalition for Youth in sponsoring the Third Annual California Runaway and Homeless Youth Month to encourage action on behalf of youth who are at risk or currently living on the street:

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors proclaim November, 2013 as Runaway and Homeless Youth Month in the County of Los Angeles and all residents are urged to support public and private efforts to assist runaway and homeless youth in our community.

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